



## **Cisco Firepower Management Center Virtual (FMCv) Cryptographic Module**

**FIPS 140-2 Non Proprietary Security Policy  
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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose

This is the non-proprietary Security Policy for Cisco Firepower Management Center Virtual (FMCv) Cryptographic Module running software version 6.1, referred to in this document as Firepower Management Center Cryptographic Module. This security policy describes how this module meets the security requirements of FIPS 140-2 Level 1 and how to run the module in a FIPS 140-2 mode of operation. This Security Policy may be freely distributed.

FIPS 140-2 (Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 140-2 — *Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules*) details the U.S. Government requirements for cryptographic modules. More information about the FIPS 140-2 standard and validation program is available on the NIST website at <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/index.html>.

## 1.2 Module Validation Level

The following table lists the level of validation for each area in the FIPS PUB 140-2.

No.	Area Title	Level
1	Cryptographic Module Specification	1
2	Cryptographic Module Ports and Interfaces	1
3	Roles, Services, and Authentication	3
4	Finite State Model	1
5	Physical Security	N/A
6	Operational Environment	1
7	Cryptographic Key management	1
8	Electromagnetic Interface/Electromagnetic Compatibility	1
9	Self-Tests	1
10	Design Assurance	2
11	Mitigation of Other Attacks	N/A
	<b>Overall module validation level</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 1 Module Validation Level**

## 1.3 References

This document deals with the specification of the security rules listed in Table 1 above, under which the Cisco Firepower Management Center Virtual Cryptographic Module will operate, including the rules derived from the requirements of FIPS 140-2, FIPS 140-2IG and additional rules imposed by Cisco Systems, Inc. More information is available on the module from the following sources:

The Cisco Systems website contains information on the full line of Cisco Systems security. Please refer to the following website:

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/index.html>

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/security/firesight-management-center/index.html>

For answers to technical or sales related questions please refer to the contacts listed on the Cisco Systems website at [www.cisco.com](http://www.cisco.com).

The NIST Validated Modules website (<http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/cmvp/validation.html>) contains contact information for answers to technical or sales-related questions for the module.

## 1.4 Terminology

In this document, the Cisco Firepower Management Center Virtual Cryptographic Module identified is referred to as Cisco Firepower Management Center Virtual Cryptographic Module, FMC virtual module, FMCv, Module, virtual or the System.

## 1.5 Document Organization

The Security Policy document is part of the FIPS 140-2 Submission Package. In addition to this document, the Submission Package contains:

- Vendor Evidence document
- Finite State Machine
- Other supporting documentation as additional references

This document provides an overview of the Cisco Firepower Management Center Virtual Cryptographic Module identified in section 1.1 above and explains the secure layout, configuration and operation of the module. This introduction section is followed by Section 2, which details the general features and functionality of the appliance. Section 3 specifically addresses the required configuration for the FIPS-mode of operation.

With the exception of this Non-Proprietary Security Policy, the FIPS 140-2 Validation Submission Documentation is Cisco-proprietary and is releasable only under appropriate non-disclosure agreements. For access to these documents, please contact Cisco Systems.

## 2 Cisco Firepower Management Center Virtual

The Cisco Firepower Management Center Virtual (FMCv) is a virtualized version of the Firepower Management Center which provides complete and unified management over firewalls, application control, intrusion prevention, URL filtering, and advanced malware protection, easily go from managing a firewall to controlling applications to investigating and remediating malware outbreaks.

The Cisco Firepower Management Center Virtual (FMCv) now becomes the centralized point for event and policy management as does the Cisco Firepower Management Center for the following solutions:

- Cisco Firepower Next-Generation Firewall (NGFW)
- Cisco ASA with FirePOWER Services
- Cisco Firepower Next-Generation IPS (NGIPS)
- Cisco FirePOWER Threat Defense for ISR
- Cisco Advanced Malware Protection (AMP)

The FMCv also controls the network management features on devices: switching, routing and NAT. While Firepower Management Center Virtual Cryptographic Module provides cryptographic functionality and services to TLSv1.2 and SSHv2.

For the purposes of this validation, the module was tested in the lab on the following operational environments:

Platform	Hypervisor	Processor
Cisco C220 M3	VMware ESXi 5.5	Intel Xeon

**Table 2 Testing Configuration**

The following Cisco UCS platforms are Vendor affirmed:

B22 M3	B420 M3	C22 M3	C260 M2	E140S M1	E140DP M1
B200 M3	B440 M2	C24 M3	C420 M3	E140S M2	E160DP M1
B200 M4	B260 M4	C220 M4	C460 M2	E140D M1	EN120E
B230 M2	B460 M4	C240 M3	C460 M4	E160D M2	EN120SM2
		C240 M4		E160D M1	

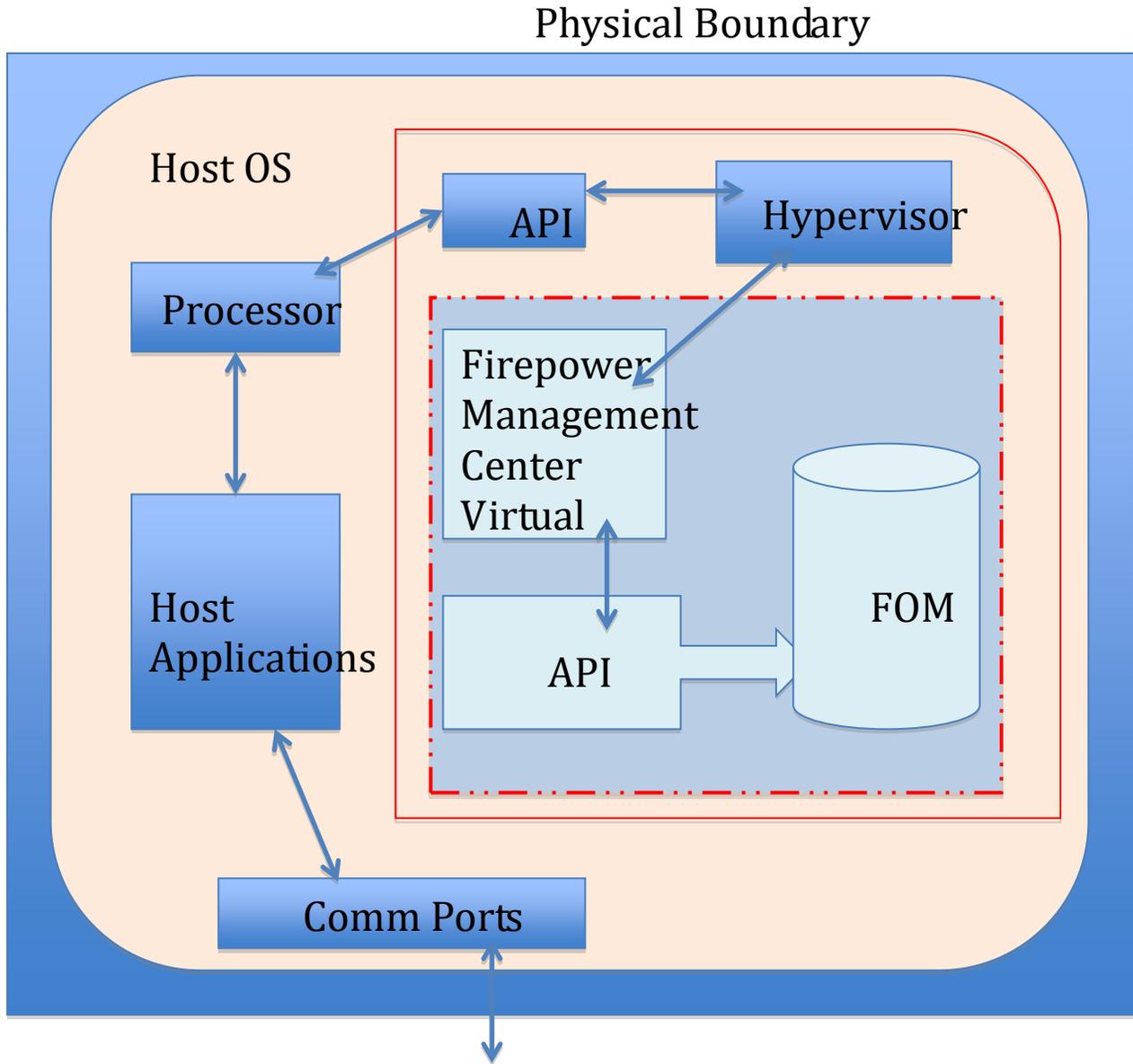
The following Hypervisors with varying versions work with the FMCv and are Vendor affirmed:

KVM  
AWS  
Oracle VM  
VMware ESXi  
ENCs/NFVIS

Additionally, the CMVP makes no statement as to the correct operation of the module or the security strengths of the generated keys when ported to an operational environment which is not listed on the validation certificate.

## 2.1 Cryptographic Boundary

The cryptographic module is defined as a multi-chip standalone software module, FMC virtual module (red dash box), while the physical boundary is defined as the hard case enclosure around the Server on which everything runs. Then the logical boundary is the FMC virtual module, hypervisor, API and processor (red box).



**Diagram 1 Block Diagram**

## 2.2 Module Interfaces

The module provides a number of physical and logical interfaces to the device, and the physical interfaces provided by the module are mapped to the following FIPS 140-2 defined logical interfaces: data input, data output, control input, status output, and power. The module provides

no power to external devices and takes in its power through normal power input/cord. The logical interfaces and their mapping are described in the following table:

Physical Port/Interface	ASA Virtual	FIPS 140-2 Logical Interface
Host System Ethernet (10/100/1000) Ports; Host System Serial Port	Virtual Ethernet Ports, Virtual Serial Port	<b>Data Input Interface</b>
Host System Ethernet (10/100/1000) Ports; Host System Serial Port	Virtual Ethernet Ports, Virtual Serial Port	<b>Data Output Interface</b>
Host System Ethernet (10/100/1000) Ports; Host System Serial Port	Virtual Ethernet Ports, Virtual Serial Port	<b>Control Input Interface</b>
Host System Ethernet (10/100/1000) Ports; Host System Serial Port	Virtual Ethernet Ports, Virtual Serial Port	<b>Status Output Interface</b>

**Table 2 Hardware/Physical Boundary Interfaces**

## 2.3 Roles and Services

The appliances can be accessed in one of the following ways:

- SSH v2
- HTTPS/TLS

Authentication is identity-based. Each user is authenticated by the module upon initial access to the module. As required by FIPS 140-2, there are two roles in the security appliances that operators may assume: Crypto Officer role and User role. The administrator of the security appliances assumes the Crypto Officer role in order to configure and maintain the module using Crypto Officer services, while the Users exercise only the basic User services.

The User and Crypto Officer passwords and all shared secrets must each be at a minimum eight (8) characters long. There must be at least one special character and at least one number character (enforced procedurally) along with six additional characters taken from the 26 upper case, 26 lower case, 10 numbers and 32 special characters. See the Secure Operation section for more information. If six (6) special/alpha/number characters, one (1) special character and one (1) number are used without repetition for an eight (8) digit value, the probability of randomly guessing the correct sequence is one (1) in 187,595,543,116,800. This is calculated by performing  $94 \times 93 \times 92 \times 91 \times 90 \times 89 \times 32 \times 10$ . In order to successfully guess the sequence in one minute would require the ability to make over 3,126,592,385,280 guesses per second, which far exceeds the operational capabilities of the module.

Additionally, when using RSA based authentication, RSA key pair has modulus size of 2048 bits, thus providing 112 bits of strength. Assuming the low end of that range, an attacker would have a 1 in  $2^{112}$  chance of randomly obtaining the key, which is much stronger than the one in a million chance required by FIPS 140-2. To exceed a one in 100,000 probability of a successful random key guess in one minute, an attacker would have to be capable of approximately  $8.65 \times 10^{31}$  attempts per second, which far exceeds the operational capabilities of the module to support.

## 2.4 User Services

A User enters the system by accessing the console port using either Serial Console, SSH or HTTPS/TLS. The module prompts the User for username and password. If the password is correct, the User is allowed entry to the module management functionality. The other means of accessing the console is via an HTTPS/TLS session. This session is authenticated using RSA digital signature authentication mechanism. The services available to the User role accessing the CSPs, the type of access – read (r), write (w) and zeroized/delete (d) – and which role accesses the CSPs are listed below:

Services	Description	Keys/CSPs Access
Status Functions	View state of interfaces and protocols, version of FMCv	Operator password (r, w, d)
Terminal Functions	Adjust the terminal session (e.g., lock the terminal, adjust flow control).	Operator password (r, w, d)
Directory Services	Display directory of files kept in flash memory.	Operator password (r, w, d)
Self-Tests	Execute the FIPS 140 start-up tests on demand.	N/A
SSH Functions	Negotiation and encrypted data transport via SSH.	Operator password, DH private DH public key, DH Shared Secret, ECDH private ECDH public key, ECDH Shared Secret, SSH RSA private key, SSH RSA public key, SSH session key, DRBG Seed, DRBG entropy input, DRBG V, DRBG Key (r, w, d)
HTTPS Functions (TLS)	Negotiation and encrypted data transport via HTTPS	ECDSA private key, ECDSA public key, TLS RSA private key, TLS RSA public key, TLS pre-master secret, TLS traffic keys DRBG entropy input, DRBG Seed, DRBG V, DRBG Key (r, w, d)

**Table 3 User Services**

## 2.5 Crypto Officer Services

The Crypto Officer (CO) role is responsible for the configuration and maintenance of the security. The services available to the Crypto Officer role accessing the CSPs, the type of access – read (r), write (w) and zeroized/delete (d) – and which role accesses the CSPs are listed below:

Services	Description	Keys/CSPs Access
Configure the Security	Define network interfaces and settings, create command aliases, set the protocols the module will support, enable interfaces and network services, set system date and time, and load authentication information.	ECDSA private key, ECDSA public key, TLS RSA private key, TLS RSA public key, TLS pre-master secret, TLS traffic keys, DRBG Seed, DRBG entropy input, DRBG V, DRBG Key (r, w, d)
Define Rules and Filters	Create packet Filters that are applied to User data streams on each interface. Each Filter consists of a set of Rules, which define a set of packets to permit or deny based on characteristics such as protocol ID, addresses, ports, TCP connection establishment, or packet direction.	Operator password, Enable password (r, w, d)
View Status Functions	View the module configuration, routing tables, active sessions health, temperature, memory status, voltage, packet statistics, review accounting logs, and view physical interface status.	Operator password, Enable password (r, w, d)
HTTPS/TLS (TLS v1.2)	Configure HTTPS/TLS parameters, provide entry and output of CSPs.	ECDSA private key, ECDSA public key, TLS RSA private key, TLS RSA public key, TLS pre-master secret, TLS traffic keys, DRBG entropy input, DRBG Seed, DRBG V, DRBG Key (r, w, d)
SSH v2	Configure SSH v2 parameter, provide entry and output of CSPs.	DH private DH public key, DH Shared Secret, ECDH private ECDH public key, ECDH Shared Secret, SSH RSA private key, SSH RSA public key, SSH session key, DRBG entropy input, DRBG Seed, DRBG V, DRBG Key (r, w, d)
Self-Tests	Execute the FIPS 140 start-up tests on demand	N/A

User services	The Crypto Officer has access to all User services.	Operator password (r, w, d)
Zeroization	Zeroize cryptographic keys/CSPs by running the zeroization methods classified in table 7, Zeroization column.	All CSPs (d)

**Table 4 Crypto Officer Services**

## 2.6 Non-FIPS mode Services

The cryptographic module in addition to the above listed FIPS mode of operation can operate in a non-FIPS mode of operation. This is not a recommended operational mode but because the associated RFC's for the following protocols allow for non-approved algorithms and non-approved key sizes, a non-approved mode of operation exist. So those services listed above with their FIPS approved algorithms in addition to the following services with their non-approved algorithms and non-approved keys sizes are available to the User and the Crypto Officer. Prior to using any of the Non-Approved services in Section 2.7, the Crypto Officer must zeroize all CSPs which places the module into the non-FIPS mode of operation.

Services <sup>1</sup>	Non-Approved Algorithms
SSH	Hashing: MD5, MACing: HMAC MD5 Symmetric: DES Asymmetric: 768-bit/1024-bit RSA (key transport), 1024-bit Diffie-Hellman
TLS	Symmetric: DES, RC4 Asymmetric: 768-bit/1024-bit RSA (key transport), 1024-bit Diffie-Hellman

**Table 5 Non-approved algorithms in the Non-FIPS mode services**

Neither the User nor the Crypto Officer are allowed to operate any of these services while in FIPS mode of operation.

All services available can be found at

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/firepower/60/configuration/guide/fpmc-config-guide-v60.pdf>. This site lists all configuration guides.

## 2.7 Unauthenticated Service

The only service available to someone without an authorized role is to cycle the power.

## 2.8 Cryptographic Key/CSP Management

The module administers both cryptographic keys and other critical security parameters such as passwords. All keys and CSPs are protected by the password-protection of the

Crypto Officer role login, and can be zeroized by the Crypto Officer. Zeroization consists of overwriting the memory that stored the key or refreshing the volatile memory. Keys are both manually and electronically distributed but entered electronically. Persistent keys with manual

<sup>1</sup> These approved services become non-approved when using any non-approved algorithms or non-approved key or curve sizes. When using approved algorithms and key sizes these services are approved.

distribution are used for pre-shared keys whereas protocols such as TLS and SSH are used for electronic distribution.

All pre-shared keys are associated with the CO role that created the keys, and the CO role is protected by a password. Therefore, the CO password is associated with all the password. The Crypto Officer needs to be authenticated to store keys. Only an authenticated Crypto Officer can view the keys. All Diffie-Hellman (DH)/ECDH keys agreed upon for individual tunnels are directly associated with that specific tunnel. RSA public keys are entered into the modules using digital certificates which contain relevant data such as the name of the public key's owner, which associates the key with the correct entity. All other keys are associated with the user/role that entered them. The /dev/urandom device extracts bits from the urandom pool. This output is used directly to seed the NIST SP 800-90A CTR\_DRBG.

Name	CSP Type	Size	Description/Generation	Storage	Zeroization
DRBG entropy input	SP800-90A CTR_DRBG	384-bits	This is the entropy for SP 800-90A CTR_DRBG. Software based entropy source used to construct seed.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
DRBG Seed	SP800-90A CTR_DRBG	384-bits	Input to the DRBG that determines the internal state of the DRBG. Generated using DRBG derivation function that includes the entropy input from software-based entropy source.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
DRBG V	SP800-90A CTR_DRBG	128-bits	The DRBG V is one of the critical values of the internal state upon which the security of this DRBG mechanism depends. Generated first during DRBG instantiation and then subsequently updated using the DRBG update function.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
DRBG Key	SP800-90A CTR_DRBG	256-bits	Internal critical value used as part of SP 800-90A CTR_DRBG. Established per SP 800-90A CTR_DRBG.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret	DH	2048, 3072, 4096 bits	The shared secret used in Diffie-Hellman (DH) exchange. Established per the Diffie-Hellman key agreement.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
Diffie Hellman private key	DH	224, 256, or 379 bits	The private key used in Diffie-Hellman (DH) exchange. This key is generated by calling SP800-90A DRBG.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
Diffie Hellman public key	DH	2048, 3072, 4096 bits	The public key used in Diffie-Hellman (DH) exchange. This key	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device

Name	CSP Type	Size	Description/Generation	Storage	Zeroization
			is derived per the Diffie-Hellman key agreement.		
EC Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret	EC DH	Curves: P-256, P-384, P-521	The shared secret used in Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDH) exchange. Established per the Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDH) protocol.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
EC Diffie Hellman private key	EC DH	Curves: P-256, P-384, P-521	The private key used in EC Diffie-Hellman (DH) exchange. This key is generated by calling SP800-90A DRBG.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
EC Diffie Hellman public key	EC DH	Curves: P-256, P-384, P-521	The public key used in Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDH) exchange. This key is established per the EC Diffie-Hellman key agreement.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
Operator password	Password	8 plus characters	The password of the User role. This CSP is entered by the User.	NVRAM (plaintext)	Overwrite with new password
Enable password	Password	8 plus characters	The password of the CO role. This CSP is entered by the Crypto Officer.	NVRAM (plaintext)	Overwrite with new password
SSHv2 RSA Private Key	RSA	2048 bits	The SSHv2 private key used in SSHv2 connection. This key is generated by calling SP 800-90A DRBG.	DRAM (plaintext)	Automatically when SSH session is terminated
SSHv2 RSA Public Key	RSA	2048 bits	The SSHv2 public key used in SSHv2 connection. This key is internally generated by the module.	DRAM (plaintext)	Automatically when SSH session is terminated
SSHv2 Session Key	Triple-DES/AES	192 bits Triple-DES or 128/192/256 bits AES	This is the SSHv2 session key. It is used to encrypt all SSHv2 data traffics traversing between the SSHv2 Client and SSHv2 Server. This key is derived via key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (SSH).	DRAM (plaintext)	Automatically when SSH session is terminated
ECDSA private key	ECDSA	Curves: P-256, P-384, P-521	Key pair generation, signature generation/Verification. Used in HTTPS connections. This key is generated by calling SP 800-90A DRBG.	DRAM (plaintext)	Automatically when TLS session is terminated
ECDSA public	ECDSA	Curves:	Key pair generation, signature	DRAM	Automatically

Name	CSP Type	Size	Description/Generation	Storage	Zeroization
key		P-256, P-384, P-521	generation/Verification. This key is generated by calling SP 800-90A DRBG.	(plaintext)	when TLS session is terminated
TLS RSA private key	RSA	2048 bits	Identity certificates for the security appliance itself and also used in TLS negotiations. This key was generated by calling FIPS approved DRBG.	DRAM (plaintext)	Automatically when TLS session is terminated
TLS RSA public key	RSA	2048 bits	Identity certificates for the security appliance itself and also used in TLS negotiations. This key was generated by calling FIPS approved DRBG.	DRAM (plaintext)	Automatically when TLS session is terminated
TLS pre-master secret	Shared Secret	At least eight characters	Shared secret created/derived using asymmetric cryptography from which new HTTPS session keys can be created. This key entered into the module in cipher text form, encrypted by RSA public key.	DRAM (plaintext)	Automatically when TLS session is terminated
TLS traffic keys	Triple-DES/AES/AES-GCM128/192/256 HMAC-SHA1/256/384/512	192 bits Triple-DES or 128/192/256 bits AES	Used in HTTPS connections. Generated using TLS protocol. This key was derived in the module.	DRAM (plaintext)	Automatically when TLS session is terminated
Integrity test key	HMAC SHA-512	512 bits	A hard coded key used for software power-up/load integrity verification.	Hard coded for software integrity testing	Zeroized by erase flash (or replacing), write to startup config, followed by a module reboot

**Table 6 Cryptographic Keys and CSPs**

## 2.9 Cryptographic Algorithms

The module implements a variety of approved and non-approved algorithms.

### Approved Cryptographic Algorithms

The module supports the following FIPS 140-2 approved algorithm implementations:

Algorithms	Algorithm Implementations FMC FOM Virtual
AES (128/192/256 CBC, GCM)	4411
Triple-DES (CBC, 3-key)	2377
SHS (SHA-1/256/384/512)	3637
HMAC (SHA-1/256/384/512)	2932
RSA (PKCS1_V1_5; KeyGen, SigGen, SigVer; 2048 bits)	2397

ECDSA (KeyGen, SigGen, SigVer; P-256, P-384, P-521)	1063
DRBG (AES256_CTR)	1425
CVL Component (TLS, SSH)	1117

**Table 7 Approved Cryptographic Algorithms and Associated Certificate Number**

Note:

- The module's AES-GCM implementation conforms to IG A.5 scenario #1 following RFC 5288 for TLS. The module uses basically a 96-bit IV, which is comprised of a 4 byte salt unique to the crypto session and 8 byte monotonically increasing counter. The module generates new AES-GCM keys if the module loses power.
- There are some algorithm modes that were tested but not implemented by the module. Only the algorithms, modes, and key sizes that are implemented by the module are shown in this table.
- The SSH and TLS protocols have not been reviewed or tested by the CAVP and CMVP.

### Non-FIPS Approved Algorithms Allowed in FIPS Mode

The module supports the following non-FIPS approved algorithms which are permitted for use in the FIPS approved mode:

- Diffie-Hellman (key agreement; key establishment methodology provides between 112 and 150 bits of encryption strength)
- EC Diffie-Hellman (key agreement; key establishment methodology provides between 128 and 256 bits of encryption strength)
- RSA (key wrapping; key establishment methodology provides 112 of encryption strength)
- NDRNG
- HMAC MD5 is allowed in FIPS mode strictly for TLS
- MD5 is allowed in FIPS mode strictly for TLS

### Non-Approved Cryptographic Algorithms

The module supports the following non-approved cryptographic algorithms that shall not be used in FIPS mode of operation:

- DES
- Diffie-Hellman (key agreement; non-compliant less than 112 bits of encryption strength)
- HMAC MD5
- HMAC-SHA1 is not allowed with key size under 112-bits
- MD5
- RC4
- RSA (key wrapping; non-compliant less than 112 bits of encryption strength)

Note: The non-approved algorithms HMAC MD5 and MD5 are not allowed in FIPS mode when not used with TLS.

## 2.10 Self-Tests

The module includes an array of self-tests that are run during startup and periodically during operations to prevent any secure data from being released and to insure all components are functioning correctly.

### *Self-tests performed*

- POST tests
  - AES Known Answer Tests (Separate encrypt and decrypt)
  - AES-GCM Known Answer Tests (Separate encrypt and decrypt)
  - DRBG Known Answer Test (Note: DRBG Health Tests as specified in SP800-90A Section 11.3 are performed)
  - FIPS 186-4 ECDSA Sign/Verify Test
  - HMAC Known Answer Tests
    - HMAC-SHA1 Known Answer Test
    - HMAC-SHA256 Known Answer Test
    - HMAC-SHA384 Known Answer Test
    - HMAC-SHA512 Known Answer Test
  - FIPS 186-4 RSA Known Answer Tests (Separate KAT for signing; Separate KAT for verification)
  - SHA-1 Known Answer Test
  - Software Integrity Test (HMAC-SHA512)
  - Triple-DES Known Answer Test (Separate encrypt and decrypt)
- Conditional tests
  - RSA pairwise consistency test
  - ECDSA pairwise consistency test
  - CRNGT for SP800-90A DRBG
  - CRNGT for NDRNG

The security appliances perform all power-on self-tests automatically when the power is applied. All power-on self-tests must be passed before a User/Crypto Officer can perform services. The power-on self-tests are performed after the cryptographic systems are initialized but prior to the initialization of the LAN's interfaces; this prevents the security module from passing any data during a power-on self-test failure. In the unlikely event that a power-on self-test fails, an error message is displayed on the console followed by a security module reboot.

## 3 Secure Operation

The module meets all the Level 1 requirements for FIPS 140-2. The module is shipped only to authorized operators by the vendor, and the module is shipped in Cisco boxes with Cisco adhesive, so if tampered with the recipient will notice. Follow the setting instructions provided below to place the module in FIPS-approved mode. Operating this module without maintaining the following settings will remove the module from the FIPS approved mode of operation.

### 3.1 Crypto Officer Guidance - System Initialization/Configuration

The Cisco Firepower Cryptographic Module version 6.1 was validated with Cisco Firepower Management Center. The software installation version 6.1.0. with the patch file Patch-6.1.0.1-53.sh were used in FIPS validation testing.

The Crypto Officer must configure and enforce the following steps:

**Step 1:** For all Management Centers, the setup process must be completed by logging into the Management Center's web interface and specifying initial configuration options on a setup page. The administrator password must be changed, specifying network settings if not already completed, and accepting the EULA.

Log in using `admin` as the username and `Admin123` as the password. Change the password - use a strong password that is at least eight alphanumeric characters of mixed case and includes at least one numeric character. Avoid using words that appear in a dictionary.

After completing the initial setup, the only user on the system is the `admin` user, which has the Administrator role and access.

**Step 2:** Choose System > Configuration (Choose **SSH** or **HTTPS** or a combination of these options to specify which ports you want to enable for these IP addresses). For more details, see [http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/firepower/620/configuration/guide/fpmc-config-guide-v62/system\\_configuration.html#ID-2241-00000370](http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/firepower/620/configuration/guide/fpmc-config-guide-v62/system_configuration.html#ID-2241-00000370)

**Step 3:** System>Licenses>Smart Licenses, add and verify licenses (*Firepower Management Center Configuration Guide provides more detailed information*)

Install Triple-DES/AES SMART license to use Triple-DES and AES (for data traffic and SSH).

**Step 4:** System > Configuration; Devices > Platform Settings; STIG Compliance, choose Enable STIG Compliance; Click on save.

**Step 5:** Reboot the security appliances.